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Home of the Iceman Team

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"To Fight and Support the Fight - Any Time, Any Place"

Wing presents annual awards

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Eielson recognized the best-of-the-best Jan. 27, announcing the wing's annual award winners during a ceremony in the Aurora Club.

This year's annual award winners are: Senior Airman Sarah Webb, 354th Operations Support Squadron, Airman category; Staff Sgt. Ryan McGrory, 354th Communications Squadron, NCO category; Master Sgt. Michael Bridges, 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior NCO category; Master Sgt. John Michie, 354th Medical Group, First Sergeant category; 1st Lt. Jennifer Phillips, 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Company Grade Officer category; Faye Kent, 354th Medical Support Squadron, Civilian I category; Brandi Wolfskill, 354th Services Squadron, Civilian II category;

egory; Cynthia Bolduc, 354th Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate, Civilian III category; and Robert Marcinkowski, 354th OSS, Civilian IV category; Staff Sgt. Michael Roxberry, 354th OSS, Honor Guardsmen category.

Airman Webb, 354th OSS, is an air traffic controller who demonstrated superior air traffic control ability while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, ensuring the safe launch and recovery of more than 18,000 combat sorties. Back at Eielson, she re-routed 11 aircraft to make way for an A-10 Warthog that required immediate emergency access to the airfield. Her professionalism was praised by the supervisor of flying when she was also able to calmly and safely recover 10 aircraft during extremely inclement weather conditions. She has amassed an amazing 400,000 FitLinux points

and routinely donates time to Airman Against Drunk Driving.

"To be recognized by your peers for performing at this exceptional level is truly an honor," Airmen Webb said. "I want to thank my husband Cody and my best friend Courtney for supporting me and always standing by my side. I would also like to thank all of the people I work with on a day-to-day basis. I look forward to one day being a role model for future Airmen and other air traffic controllers."

Sergeant McGrory, 354th CS, is a network administrator who provided application support for \$31 million of command and control assets with a 99.8 percent up time. He used his computer expertise and savvy to repair the 911 system for the security forces squadron and also designed the Eielson For Sale board. He also earned his Bachelor of Science Degree with an

impressive 3.8 GPA.

"My greatest accomplishment over the last year has been completing my Bachelors degree," Sergeant McGrory said. "Education is important and something that can never be taken away from you. I'd like to thank my wife Jennifer for being supportive and understanding during all of my long nights at work. I'd also like to thank my co-workers," he said. "Without a great team we couldn't have accomplished all that was required. One of my current goals is to upgrade my current Microsoft Certified System Engineer certification."

Sergeant Bridges, 354th LRS, was selected out of 93 senior NCOs in the 354th Mission Support Group. He was requested by name to mentor the PACAF inspector general supply inspector and

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Adverse weather procedures outlined

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
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When temperatures begin to dip down to minus 20F or colder, Eielson begins to implement several procedures on base with the purpose of protecting personnel, equipment and aircraft from potentially dangerous situations.

The Adverse Weather Procedures policy (Fighter Wing Instruction 10-203) lists the procedures Icemen are to follow when severe weather is predicted.

Initially, the 354th Operations Support Squadron weather flight will notify the 354th FW commander, the command post and the control tower if adverse or severe weather conditions are observed or forecasted within the next 12 hours.

A wind chill advisory will immediately be issued if the forecast is minus 20F.

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Views, visions

Top enlisted relays goals, issues

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
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Someone once said, "Keep these concepts in mind: You've failed many times, although you don't remember. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim. . . don't worry about failure. My suggestion to each of you: Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."

That statement couldn't ring truer for Eielson's command chief master sergeant, who chose to make



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

Keeping a watchful eye

Jenifer Willeford, crossing guard, ensures traffic stops so that children from Anderson Elementary school can get to and from school safely. People should take extra care when driving past the schools on base.

a difference in others lives despite barely graduating from high school.

"I don't mind telling folks that I'm a left-handed dyslexic who graduated 419 out of 421 people in my high school class," said 354th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Kenney. "It's not about where you've come from, or the mistakes you have made, but where you go from there. I am living proof our Air Force will let you be anything you set your mind to."

Chief Kenney, who joined the Air Force in 1980, worked in air intelligence as a Morse code operator for 14 years before spending 10 years as a first sergeant.

He credits the wear of the diamond with helping prepare him for his job as command chief.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," he said. "I get paid to talk to people and to find out what issues are affecting the lives of our Airmen and their families and then determine the best way to help."

Pulling out his 'little brown book' (Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure of the Air Force), Chief Kenney explained how he refers to the words between the covers, combined with the

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Cell phone driving policy released

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
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Pacific Air Forces has implemented a new cell phone restriction for drivers on all PACAF bases.

"Effective immediately, vehicle operators on all PACAF installations and operators of government owned vehicles, both on and off-installations, will not use cell phones while driving unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using a hands-free device," said Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander.

Violation of the new cell phone policy will result in a written warning until Feb. 28, said Maj. Scott Sanford, 354th Security Forces Squadron commander.

Beginning March 1, violation of this policy will result in the loss of on-base driving privileges for 30 days.

"Even if you're on the Eielson-controlled portion of the Richardson Highway, you can be pulled over and cited for non-compliance," Maj. Sanford said.

Although security forces is allowing a grace period in which motorists in violation of the rule will be warned and not ticketed, Maj. Sanford encourages Airmen to go ahead and buy the hands-free device if they plan to use cell phones while driving.

"This cell phone regulation will increase traffic safety, but more importantly, it will encourage safe driving habits," he said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driver distraction accounts for 25 percent of vehicle accidents and cell phone use is the fastest growing cause of driver distraction.

For more information on this policy, call 377-4762.

Eielson's tax representatives make filing easy

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
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Thanks to Eielson's volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Icemen can get free assistance preparing their federal income tax returns and free electronic filing.

Electronic filing includes tax preparation, transmission and processing solely by computer. This method is faster and more accurate than mailing tax returns because returns are transmitted over

telephone lines directly to an Internal Revenue Service computer where they are automatically checked for errors and missing information.

Those who owe a balance can file anytime during the tax season, but can hold off payment until on or before April 15, using Form 1040V, payment voucher.

All other individuals desiring to electronically file other returns or who have children, must first go through their unit tax advisor who will make an appointment for them.

Icemen can choose to go to any of the unit representatives listed.

Unit Tax Advisors are:
354th SVS
Staff Sgt. Talisa Arnold, 377-4793
Senior Airman Daniel Park, 377-7885
354th MXG
Master Sgt. Joseph Kitchel, 377-1297
Staff Sgt. Michele McLain, 377-3965
Staff Sgt. Stephen Scofield, 377-3317
354th OG
2nd Lt. Brandon Stephens, 377-4312
Master Sgt. Tony Mastriano, 377-1471

Staff Sgt. Richard Gustafson, 353-9272
354th CES
Master Sgt. Lee Weikert, 377-1867
Master Sgt. Richard Scheuerer, 377-2647
354th CTS
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Davis, 377-1748
DET 460
Staff Sgt. Mark Ledoux, 377-5117
354th MDG
1st Lt. Randy Livengood, 377-6519
354th CONS
Capt. Cal Hodgson, 377-3027
168th ANG

Senior Master Sgt. Mary Grasso, 377-8735
Master Sgt. Fresia Stalker, 377-8642
Tech. Sgt. Edward Deal, 377-8652
354th SFS
Quincy Black, 377-1133
Judy Rhodes, 377-3222
354th CS
1st Lt. Frankie Locust, 377-3743
Airman 1st Class Jennifer Evraets, 377-3278

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ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom - 78
Enduring Freedom - 368
Other - 22
Total = 468
As of Jan. 24

WEEKEND WEATHER

Today

High -15, Low -25
Mostly Cloudy
Sunrise: 9:31 a.m.
Sunset: 4:40 p.m.



Saturday

High 5, Low -20
Mostly Cloudy
Sunrise: 9:24 a.m.
Sunset: 4:47 p.m.



Sunday

High 0, Low -15
Mostly Cloudy
Sunrise: 9:21 a.m.
Sunset: 4:50 p.m.



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When the temperature dips to minus 30F, the buddy system will be used whenever someone goes outside. At minus 40 F, all normal training outside will be canceled. Any mission tasks that need to be accomplished outside should only be performed if there are warming capabilities on site. Unoccupied building should also be checked every eight hours.

Icemen have several avenues in order to find out if delayed reporting procedures have been initiated. For the most up-to-date information tune to television station KTVF Channel 11 and radio stations KXBF 907 AM or KIAK 102.5 FM, KAKQ 101.2 FM or KKE 104.7 FM. People living on base can find current information posted on the Eielson Community TV (Channel 5 on GCI cable system and industrial cable system) to broadcast appropriate messages, adverse restrictions, precautions and travel conditions.

A new weather hotline has also been established at 377-INFO (4636). Callers will hear a recorded message which will relay the latest weather updates and reporting procedures.

For more information on delayed weather reporting, refer to 354th FWI 10-203.

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Air Force Core Values to help him live his life. "I always carry this book with me and read something out of it everyday, because it is the basis for how every enlisted person should approach our profession" he said.

The Chief emphasized three goals Airmen need to succeed during their time in the Air Force.

"All you need to remember is to do three things," he said. "Learn and know your job; take care of the Air Force family – know when others are having issues; and take care of yourself spiritually, mentally and physically. If you do all of these things, the Air Force will take care of the rest."

Referring back to his 'little brown book' the Chief explained how supervisors are important in setting Airmen up for success.

Supervisors can set their troops up for success by believing in doing the right thing and looking out for their troops, he said. We (supervisors) have to make an effort to be involved in our Airmen's lives.

"I should be able to ask any supervisor on this base to get out of their chair and go to their troop's dormitory room or their house without them having to ask for directions. If they can't do that, then they don't know what's going on in their troops' lives," he said. "It's not so much about inspecting, but investing in our Air Force family," he added.

One of Chief Kenney's goals here is to evaluate and find ways to help all junior grade officers and enlisted Airmen at Eielson.

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Master Sgt. Keith Westphal, 585-6282
Staff Sgt. Faisal El Jamal, 585-6529
354th LRS

Master Sgt. Suzanne Wolf-Sedberry, 377-1437
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Hambly, 377-4285
Staff Sgt. Angelica Serrano, 377-1204
Pat Petersdorff, 377-3455

354th WSA
Master Sgt. Angelito Lapid, 377-4152
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Smith, 377-1856
Staff Sgt. Valerie Smith, 377-1851

DEPLOYMENT CORNER

Pinning-on
While deployed to Southwest Asia, Lt. Col. Rick Petito, 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, has his rank pinned on by Chief Master Sergeants Danny Green, 354th AMXS and Kenneth Graham, 354th Maintenance Squadron.



DWI CLOCK

Maintained by the 354th Maintenance Squadron

Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI:
6

Need a free ride home?
377-RIDE

Days until goal:
44

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 17 rides last weekend and have 'saved' 4,586 lives to date.

Icemen should remember the following three prong approach:
HAVE A PLAN;
STICK TO THE PLAN, if the plan fails
USE YOUR SAFETY NET.

Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) offers Icemen discounted rides back to base. AADD, at 377-RIDE offers free rides 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

Security forces transformation involves, affects total force

As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a "refocus" on how his people train and fight.

"We're not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today's reality," the general said. "Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective."

Essentially, security forces will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force task force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

"Our Airmen are going 'outside the wire' to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe," General Holmes said. "Not only for the folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror."

Security forces must learn counterinsurgency techniques to operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"We need to be prepared for a full spectrum of threats against an air field," General Seip said. "That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we're working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen."

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, such as entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DOD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airmen to participate in installation security. While that doesn't necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

"Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior," General Holmes said. "Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills."

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

"Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations," he said. "Our Airmen need time to reconstitute and train. So it's important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that."

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

"We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt," General Holmes said. "We're going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News).

PACAF/HQ converts to A-Staff

Time and necessity bring change, and change is in the air for Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, which will convert to a new command structure re-designating all headquarters offices by April 1.

The current designations of two, three and four letters will be replaced by a system consisting of the letter "A" followed by numbers given to each directorate.

This system, ranging from A1 to A9 will bring standardization throughout all Air Force commands.

"As you can imagine, many are involved in this process," said Major Eric Stubbs, Pacific Air Forces Wartime and Organizations Branch Chief. "My role has been to facilitate the development of PACAF's proposed Organization Structure Codes which we submitted to Air Staff in December and continue to refine."

According to a memo dated November 10, 2005, from the Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley, the plan is for all commands to initiate the

A-Staff structure effective Feb. 1, with full implementation by May 1, 2006.

The memo further states that although there may be some variances between the commands and their unique missions, the intent is to standardize the A-Staff wherever possible and align all headquarters' staffs "horizontally and vertically."

This change will affect all commands, warfighting headquarters, and Air Staff as well.

"The Air Staff has been working to develop a consensus among the MAJCOMs and functionals in order to determine the final standard Organization Structure Codes which will

be used by all major commands," Maj. Stubbs said.

According to Maj. Stubbs, the term "aligning the phone books" has been used to describe this process.

"In the not too distant future, PACAF/ AIMX will be able to contact Air Mobility Command/ AIMX and know that they have reached their functional counterpart at AMC," he said. "These changes will improve our ability to develop doctrine and instructions, and streamline our ability to perform the mission."

Not only will this change help communication between the field and headquarters, but according to Janet Watkins, PACAF Manpower and Organization Division Chief, it will help with joint operations.

"The new structure will give us a better interoperability with other MAJCOMs as well as our joint services who are already using this type of system," Watkins said. She added that even though this will bring a change to our structure, it will not affect manpower numbers at the headquarters. Staff functions which previously reported to the command section still remain as: PA, HC, HQ, FM, JA, SG, IG, RE, RG, and POLAD.

New designations for PACAF:

A1 – Manpower and Personnel (DP/XPM)

A2 – Intelligence (IN)

A3A5 – Air, Space and Information, and Plans and Requirements (DO)

A4 – Logistics (LG)

A6 – Communications (SC)

A7 – Installation and Mission Support (CE, SV, SF, LGC)

A8A9 – Strategic Plans and Programs and Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned (XP)

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**Commander’s
Hotline**

377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you’ve contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Col. Dave Scott 354th Fighter Wing commander	
AAFES	372-2139
CE customer service	377-2100
Chaplain	377-2130
Dining facility	377-2536
Family support center	377-2178
Finance	377-1851
Fraud, waste & abuse	377-2109
Housing management	377-2244
Inspector general	377-2109
Military personnel flight	377-2276
Legal	377-4114
Public affairs	377-2116
Services	377-2857
TRICARE	377-5235, Ext. 2

Freedom and Faith: A Perspective on Chaplain Henry McNeal Turner

by **Chaplain (Capt.) William Cooper, Jr.**
354th Fighter Wing Chapel

February is the month that many Americans celebrate the contributions of blacks. During this month Americans take time to reflect on black historical achievements. Black history month was first established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a well respected black educator. Born in Virginia, Woodson’s early years were not educational. In fact, Woodson worked in the coal mines of Kentucky as a teenager and did not attend high school until he was age 20. However, by 1926 Woodson had earned a Ph. D from Harvard. Dr. Woodson apparently chose the month of February because both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born in this month.

For a number of years, I have personally sought to expand my knowledge of African American history and as a proud member of the Air Force, I have been attentive to the contributions of African Americans who have been forerunners, or “firsts” in their respective military professions. Recently, I realized that another great American, whose contributions are noteworthy, was born in February.

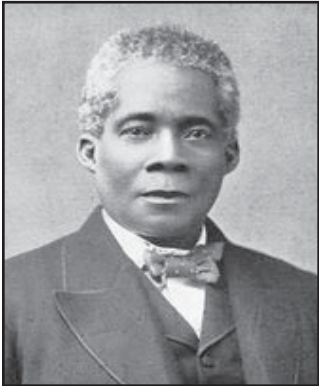
Henry McNeal Turner, a Methodist minister and Georgia state legislator, was born on Feb. 1, 1834. Most

notably, Turner was the first of fourteen black chaplains of the Union Army. As a Union Army Chaplain, Turner was responsible for the mental and spiritual welfare of many black soldiers. Turner’s efforts are well documented and reveal that chaplains organized prayer meetings, assisted and prayed for the wounded, ensured that the soldiers’ pay was sent to their families, wrote letters for the illiterate, and acted as intermediaries between the black troops and white commanding officers. Most importantly, they taught the men in their unit how to read. Many black troops learned to read during the war. Their textbook was the Bible. Turner’s unit (the 1st Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops) served in Virginia. (Courtesy of Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta).

Equally as impressive as Turner’s ministry was the fact that even before Turner himself became an officer in the Union Army, he lobbied for the enlistment of black soldiers into the Union Army. As a minister in the Washington area, Turner had become an acquaintance of Edwin Stanton, the then Secretary of War, who advocated that blacks be allowed to enlist to President Lincoln.

Turner was a man of passion and persistence but he was also a man of peace. As a chaplain he wrote, We want to treat (the confederates) kindly and live

“We want to treat (the confederates) kindly and live in friendship: yet I must say... that as soon as old things can be forgotten, or all things become common, that the Southern people will take us by the hand and welcome us to their respect and regard”



Henry McNeal Turner
Methodist minister and
Georgia state legislator

in friendship: yet I must say... that as soon as old things can be forgotten, or all things become common, that the Southern people will take us by the hand and welcome us to their respect and regard”. This statement indicates that Turner was a visionary, who hoped for and worked to achieve an America where all could live and work together.

Even though Turner was born free, his

faith led him to help others achieve freedom and improve their lives. After his military service, Turner resumed his work as a Methodist minister. Turner’s work as a minister resulted in his being consecrated a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. But it was his willingness to serve America that made him a history maker. Henry McNeal Turner, a man of freedom and faith.

SERVICES PROGRAMS

Editor's Note: For a list of other classes and programs, call 377-3268 or surf to www.eielsonservices.com. Please RSVP for classes. Outdoor recreation rents ski equipment, Ice fishing equipment and various other outdoor equipment. Call 377-1232.

Programs

Texas Hold 'em tournaments: 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Yukon Club. Call 377-1075.

Deployed bowling for family members: 5-7 p.m. Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

Trap shoot: 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the skeet and trap range. Instruction, ammunition and loaner guns are available. Call 377-5338.

FitFactor weekly events: 2:30 p.m. Fridays at the youth center.

Thrifty Tuesdays: 5-8 p.m. \$1 specials on bowling and food at Arctic Nite Lanes.

Skeet league: log 50 targets per week. Any adult, active-duty member, family member, civilian or retiree may join the league. Call 377-5338.

Chess club: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. Call 377-2642.

Spades tournament: 8 p.m. Fridays at the Yukon Club.

Bowling instruction available at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

Super Bowl Party

A Football Frenzy 40th Super Bowl party is 1 p.m. Sunday at the Yukon Club. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. There are discounts for club members. Cost is \$5; free with club membership. Children are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

Sweethearts' Delivery

The deadline to order balloon bouquets for Valentine's delivery is Feb 11. Drop by the Arts and Crafts Center or call 377-4880 for more information.

Snowmachine ride

The Full Moon snowmachine ride takes place 6-8 p.m. Feb. 10 at Iceman Falls. Outdoor recreation offers additional snow-machine trips including a Sweethearts On-base trip Feb. 14 and a Poker Run Feb. 26. Prices vary. Ride single or double. Call 377-1328 for more information.

Saturday: Cheaper By the Dozen 2

Tom and wife Kate, hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, take their 12 offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter into a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom's long-time rival, Jimmy Muraugh. Rated PG (crude humor, language) 94 min.

Sunday: Rumor Has It

Sarah's life is in a tailspin. She's finally agreed to marry her boyfriend Jeff, but isn't at all sure that marriage is what she really wants--in fact, she's not sure what she wants in general. As conflicted as she is about her love life, her professional life isn't much better--an aspiring journalist, Sarah's career has stalled at the New York Times obituary column. Rated PG-13 (thematic material, sexual content, crude humor, drug reference) 97 min.

Thursday: King Kong

Eielson's Movie Reel

All movies show at 7 p.m. at the base theater unless otherwise noted.

Today: King Kong

While filming on location at the mysterious Skull Island a group of filmmakers discover a giant gorilla named Kong, living in a massive jungle where creatures from prehistoric times have been protected and hidden for millions of years. It is the attention of a beautiful human woman that soothes Kong long enough for him to be subdued and shipped back to New York, where his bleak future involves being put on display in front of humans. Rated PG-13 (violence, disturbing images) 188 min.



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

Grand opening

Col. James Horton, 354th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Lisa Wallace, Arts and Crafts Center director, cut the ribbon during a grand opening ceremony Jan. 27 at the Arts and Crafts Center located on the first floor of the old credit union on base.



Today

❖A free customer appreciation Monster Inflatable Games Night is 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the community center. Advance sign up is required. Call 377-2642.

❖Kids Night Out is 6:30-11 p.m. for youth center members in Kindergarten-sixth grade. Permission slips are required. Call 377-3194.

Saturday

❖Open microphone night is 7-11 p.m. at the Teen Break. The break features a different theme every week. The Teen Break is

open 7-11 p.m. Friday for youth center members age 13-18 and 7-11 p.m. Saturday for YC members age 16-18. For membership information, visit the youth center or call 377-3194.

❖Basic wood skills classes are noon-3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Sign up in advance. Cost is \$25 and includes materials. Advanced woodworking and parent-child classes are also available. Call 377-1368.

Sunday

❖Downhill ski lessons are available at Iceman Falls today-

and Feb. 19. Reserve space with outdoor recreation by visiting the ski lodge. For more information, call 377-1328.

Monday

❖Bowl for \$1 per game and order food specials for \$1 per item during Thrifty Tuesdays 5-8 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes for a limited time. Call 377-1129.

Tuesday

❖A beginners' trap shoot is 5 p.m. at the skeet and trap range. Civilian employees, spouses and youth may attend. Call 377-1328 for more information.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Airmen's Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party for single Airmen takes place 1 p.m. at the Coffee House in Dormitory 2333. Free food, drinks and games will be provided. Call 377-4468.

Blood Drive

The 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels management flight and the Fairbanks Blood Bank are hosting a blood drive on from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Joint Mobility Complex. Walk-in donations will be available on a limited basis. Contact Staff Sgt. Richard Bass at 377-1180 or Tech. Sgt. Kathryn McMillan at 377-4206 to schedule an appointment.

Student Jobs

The Commissary is recruiting students for cashier and store worker positions. Those hired will work Saturdays and Sundays, five hours per day. Applicants will be hired on a first come, first serve basis initially. Pay is \$7.67 per hour plus 25 percent tax-free cost-of-living-allowance (\$9.59) per hour. Those hired are eligible for vacation and sick leave benefits and can start a Thrift Saving Plan account. For further information, call Eielson Commissary Secretary Melissa Krol at 377-2173.

Winter and spring runs

The Running Club North has three upcoming runs in February and March: 4.1- and 7.2-mile snow runs start at 11 a.m. Feb. 18 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center; The Jamestown 5K run begins at 11 a.m. Feb. 25 off Ballaine Road.; and the 1 mile, 5K and 10K Fairbanks Snowshoe Classic begins at 11 a.m. March 4 at the UAF West Ridge Ski Hut.

Tech Expo

A Career Tech Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Hutchison Institute of Technology Campus. Employers will be available to speak with high-school students, spouses or anyone else interested in technical field careers.

International bow class

An International Bowhunter's Education Program class is Feb. 25. Call Erik Zrucky at 372-2479 or 378-7625 for details. Students must sign up by Feb. 22. Cost is \$10. The outdoor proficiency portion of the class will be held at a later date.

Ten star basketball camp

Applications are now being accepted for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp for 10-19-year-olds. College basketball scholarships are available for select players. For a free brochure, call 704-373-0873.

Expired decals

Security forces will issue verbal reminders for personnel with expired (DD Form 2219s) registered vehicle expiration decals to have them renewed at pass and registration. Beginning February, security forces will issue Air Force entry forms for access on to the base. Call 377-1033.

Military spouse scholarship

The National Military Family Association is accepting applications for NMFA's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Any uniformed service spouse - active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor - studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school is encouraged to apply. Scholarships, normally in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for tuition, fees, books, and school room and board. Applications can be found at www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006.

Soul Food Tasting Extravaganza

A Soul Food Tasting Extravaganza is noon Feb. 10 at the Base Exchange. For more information, call the African American Heritage Committee at 377-1035.

Mobility requirement

All mobility-qualified personnel are required to complete Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance training online at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil/>. Personnel must have a training certificate for EOR training before they can be scheduled for mobility training. For more information, call 377-1125.

JROTC instructors needed

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has more than 60 instructor positions available in more than 26 states for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs. For more information, call 866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300 or DSN at 493-5275 or 5300. For a list of schools and locations, go to <http://www.af oats.af.mil/AFJROTC/Instructors.asp>.

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provided him with valuable knowledge and insight. Sergeant Bridges directed condition changes for 550 A-10 and F-16 assets valued at more than \$9 million. He was awarded his Masters Degree in Logistics from Touro University, and maintained an overall 3.97 GPA. His volunteer efforts garnered him the 354th FW 2005 Angel Award.

“I’ve got many things to be thankful for in the last year to include my family and friends back at Eielson,” said Sergeant Bridges, who is currently deployed. “I was very surprised and excited to find out from my wife that I was selected as the 354th Fighter Wing senior NCO of the Year. It’s difficult to be deployed away from Eielson for eight months, but the emails and congratulations from my leadership and peers have really improved my spirits. I’d like to congratulate all of the annual winners and I wish them luck as they compete at the next level of competition.”

Sergeant Michie, 354th MDG, remained calm under fire and ensured accountability of more than 170 security forces personnel during multiple rocket attacks while deployed as the security forces first sergeant at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. He also took advantage of several unique educational opportunities and completed a conversational Arabic class and customer service seminar titled, “If Disney Ran Your Hospital.” Sergeant Michie is deeply involved in the monthly Single Unaccompanied Members dinners, Airmen Leadership School Volleyball and dining facility birthday dinners.

“Deployment to Baghdad with the security forces squadron was a big event in my life, and I credit my wife (Kina) for raising our five children on her own while I was gone for six months,” said Sergeant Michie. “I am enjoying the opportunity I have had to work with several great squadrons (CES, SVS, SFS) here at Eielson and now with the Medical Group.”

Lieutenant Phillips, 354th AMXS flight command - er, led maintenance activities supporting more than 440

sorties flown during the multi-national Cope Thunder exercise 06-01. She was also key in acquisitioning shelters used for end of runway and hot pit operations that are critical for the safety of maintenance personnel. Lieutenant Phillips improved her understanding of aircraft operations by beginning classes to receive her private pilot license. She also tutored 15 local elementary school students.

“Although I am honored and humbled to win CGO of the Year, I have accomplished nothing on my own,” said Lieutenant Phillips. “Our biggest accomplishment this year – putting sorties in the air – has been made possible by every wrench turned and every weapon loaded, thanks to the hard work of the Blue Fox maintainers,” she said. “One of my personal goals is to gain more street credibility with the troops by experiencing a little more of what they experience. My long term goals are to finish my Master’s Degree, become a squadron commander and complete my private pilot’s license.”

Mrs. Kent, 354th MDSS, directed management actions for more than 2,000 record audits for the 354th Fighter Wing with 100 percent compliance. She coordinated approximately \$2 million in essential funds transfers with federal agencies and enhanced her abilities by completing training on the medical management system. Finally, she helped raise more than \$30,000 for the Alaska Ice Breakers youth hockey team.

“My two greatest accomplishments for the year were managing the medical group’s \$3.5 million budget while filling in for their resource advisor and establishing the Medical Services Account program in an effort to collect funds for civilian emergency services,” Mrs. Kent said. “I would like to thank Jeanne Nason and Maj. Neal Jennings for all of their support. My personal goals include learning more about the numerous Medical Health Systems Management Analysis Programs and Financial Management Programs used throughout the Medical Clinic.”

Mrs. Wolfskill, 354th SVS, lodging accountant, procured more than \$600,000 in new furniture for the temporary lodging facilities and chief suites. She executed 25 lodging contracts valued at more than \$500,000 and completed the Air Force Services Agency internet-based purchasing system training. She also helped clean and prepare the Birch Lake Recreation area for the opening of the summer season.

“I believe that my greatest accomplishment for the year has been learning to oversee the renovation projects here,” said Mrs. Wolfskill. “It is the biggest project I have ever taken on and so far has been successful. I would like to thank all of the lodging staff for their help and support. Without them, I wouldn’t be able to get a fraction of my job done,” she said. “Also, I would like to thank my husband for supporting me on not only my good days but also on my stressful days.”

Mrs. Bolduc, 354th FW court reporter, filed more than 900 federal tax returns and assisted military members in receiving nearly \$2 million in federal income tax refunds. Her tax program was recognized by a federal IRS inspector as a model for both military and civilian institutions. Mrs. Bolduc also donated countless volunteer hours judging local gymnastic competitions.

“I would like to thank my past and current supervisors for giving me the flexibility to work in more than one area of the legal career field. This flexibility has given me the ability to undertake new and exciting changes in how the Air Force does business and it’s been great taking part in that,” Mrs. Bolduc said. “A special thanks to my current supervisor, Lt. Col. Kenneth Theurer, for taking time to nominate me for this award.”

Mr. Marcinkowski, 354th OSS, coordinated Eielson support for Global Hawk un-manned aerial vehicle cold weather sensor testing. He planned and coordinated \$52 million airfield construction projects with no disruption to airfield users. He supervised more than 10,000 flight plans with the Federal Aviation Administration and conducted close to 3,000 airfield

responses. Mr. Marcinkowski also coached a 13-14 year-old baseball team that went to the PONY Western Regional tournament in Seattle.

“I think my greatest accomplishment this year was safely seeing through millions of dollars of construction on Eielson’s airfield with minimal disruption to airfield operations,” Mr. Marcinkowski said. “I think this award is a reflection on the hard work of great subordinates, peers and support from our chain of command. Without the cooperation of numerous people across the base there is no way we could have safely accomplished everything we did.”

A couple of Mr. Marcinkowski’s personal goals are to, “get a moose in the freezer this year and to see a High Speed Taxiway put in by 2015.”

Sergeant Roxberry, 354th OSS, performed more than 32 hours of honor guard details at military and civic functions throughout the interior of Alaska. Sergeant Roxberry rebuilt the Honor Guard training program and provided more than 1,150 hours of training to 12 new members. He also spearheaded three fundraisers and raised almost \$900 for the Honor Guard Booster Club.

“I consider myself privileged to have had the opportunity to become an Honorguardsman and a trainer here at Eielson,” Sergeant Roxberry said. “I am proud of each and every member of the Honorguard for the commitment, professionalism and honor they show on a continual basis. I am glad that I was able to make a difference and make things better than when I first joined,” he said. “I would like to thank the Lord, for without him, none of this would be possible. I would also like to thank my wonderful wife Katherine for her continual patience and support in my ventures. Finally, I would like to thank Eielson’s Honorguard because no man can be an Honorguard alone.”

Winners from the annual wing awards will advance to compete at the 11th Air Force level. The 11th Air Force winners will be announced March 3 at Elmendorf.



Senior Airman Sarah Webb



Staff Sgt. Ryan McGrory



Staff Sgt. Michael Roxberry



Master Sgt. Michael Bridges



Master Sgt. John Michie



1st Lt. Jennifer Phillips

DGR fights off last-second rally, wins intramural hoops title 50-48

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354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

DGR fought off a furious last-minute MXS run to take home a 50-48 win and the 2005-2006 intramural basketball crown in championship game play Tuesday night.

Offensive consistency and solid defense bested clutch three-point shooting in the final minutes by MXS to secure the win for DGR.

MXS player/coach Gary Cummings and guard Brandon Clinton each hit critical threes in the final two minutes to tie the game up, but DGR kept its composure.

“It was close there at the end, but we just kept at them,” said DGR player/coach Jason Wilson. “We had a couple of key guys out, so we had to just keep the pressure on. We went man-to-man and were able to hold them off.”

Two DGR starters, both with coaching obligations in Fairbanks before the game, showed up at halftime to bolster their teammates’ efforts.

“I knew if they could hold them back until halftime, we’d be ok,” said DGR guard Adam Sniegowski, who hit a clutch lay-up with 30 sec-

onds left to put his team up for good. “After we showed up, we just did what we’ve been doing all year and took it home.”

DGR guard Dave Hall tallied 11 first-half points to help suppress a balanced offensive output by MXS until the cavalry could arrive.

Hall led all scorers with 23 in the winning effort and didn’t doubt his team’s chances for a moment.

“We were a little tired at halftime, but I knew we’d make a strong push in the second,” he said.

MXS held a four-point lead at the break, but lack of communication on defense let DGR creep back into the game.

“We just weren’t talking enough,” said MXS player Robert Campbell. “We’d get beat on defense, and people would just be standing around watching. There were a lot of tough calls that didn’t go our way, as well.”

Campbell led MXS with 14, but tallied only four in the second half. MXS player/coach Gary Cummings praised both teams’ efforts.

“We’re obviously disappointed, but we gave it our best,” he said. “It’s good to see somebody else winning every now and then.”

Right, DGR guard Adam Sniegowski drives to the rack during second-half action Tuesday night. Sniegowski, who only played in the second half, made two clutch lay-ups and controlled the game tempo to keep MXS trailing.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Bryon McGarry

Above, DGR guard Dave Hall adjusts on the fly for two of his game-high 23 points. Despite a string of huge MXS shots in the final five minutes of the game, DGR’s tight defense and hot shooting proved to be just enough to earn the victory.